

**ST. JOHN'S  
MISSION  
STATEMENT**

As a family united in faith through the Holy Scriptures, we exist to give praise, honor and glory to the Triune God, to nurture and train the family of believers through God's Word and to reach out to the changing world with a changeless Christ.

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## Open Forum on Building Project/Capital Campaign

**Sunday, January 19th, 9:15-10:15 am**  
(In the Sanctuary)

Fifteen years ago St. John's explored new building project options, including a new school on the current site, a new school on another site (possible Spring Creek Rd location) with the possibility a future new church building as well. At the time no one plan found good consensus as the best way forward and things moved ahead with maintaining our current facilities.

Over the last five years the Lord has blessed us with a number of major projects that have been completed – tuckpointing (2 phases), steeple reroofing/painting, chancel wall repair & remodeling, church sign/front step brick work, school roof, audio/video system upgrade, and window repairs in 1930's addition (currently in process). A total of over \$280,000 has been given to pay for these projects.

But there are still other projects needed on the near horizon. The chancel/sanctuary committee is moving forward on planning their next step, repainting the

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**YOUR VOICE MATTERS!**  
**OPEN FORUM..!**



## Building Project/Capital Campaign Continued...

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 interior of the church. Other large projects needed include: making the facility accessible with an elevator as well as accessible bathrooms; organ refurbishment; and renovation of all four classrooms, the entryway/narthex and the fellowship space in the church basement. Other smaller projects could be added as well: replacing of the sanctuary carpet and pew cushions; and the installation of a hearing assistance loop in church among others.

So how do we move forward? Do we continue to raise money for project by project

when many of these will have larger price tags? How do we prioritize projects when all are needed and some may be needed sooner than an extended timeline allows? Do we put it all together and fund a large building project to get all of these things accomplished? A building committee could be formed and a three-year capital campaign could be started to raise funds. Building trust funds could also be used, which currently sit at just over \$300,000.

These are all big picture types of questions. To discuss these things

further we will hold an open forum for the congregation on Sunday, January 19 between the services (9:15-10:15 am) upstairs in church. More detailed information will be presented along with the opportunity for questions and sharing of thoughts and feelings. In a large congregation not everyone will have the same feelings and opinions on every aspect of these things. But we can agree that the Lord has blessed us and the ministry of St. John's. Come and help us make plans for our facilities to continue that ministry into the future.

**How do we prioritize projects when all are needed....**



## Sunday Morning Bible Class



Begins January 5th

Timothy was a young pastor and an important member of the apostle Paul's missionary team, accompanying him on his second and third missionary journeys. He also was his representative whom

Paul sent on his behalf to congregations he had started. Paul's letters to Timothy show his concern for the future of the church. In these letters, he provides instruction, warns against false teachings,

and encourages faithfulness. The letters speak to every believer who is concerned about the future of the church. We will begin our look at these books in January for our Sunday morning Bible class.

## Call News!

### Call Resignation

Mrs. Lisa Avila will be resigning at the end of this school year, May 2020 to stay home with her family. We wish Mrs. Avila much joy at home with Isaiah.

### Call Meeting

January 12, 11:30 am for a Gr. 1-2 plus part-time Kindergarten Teacher to begin September 2020.

### Call Received

Mr. Chris Avila received a call to Christ in Eagle River, WI to be upper grade teacher and principal. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he deliberates this call.



## Ladies Luncheon

All Ladies are Invited to Lunch at **Mandy's** on **Friday, January 17th at 11:30 a.m.**

This is a social time to

gather and chat.

Sign up on the sheet on the back table by Sunday, January 12th so we know how many are

coming and can make a reservation.

Questions? Contact Joan Plaetz at 651.212.1545 or mijopl@yahoo.com.



January 17th

## Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study

Resumes on

**Wednesday, January 8th at 6:30 pm**

Church fellowship hall.

5 week study on the book of Ruth

No books are needed for this class. Copies of the participant's guide will be provided. If, however, you would like your own copy of the leader's guide, you may

order one on your own.

### Class Schedule

Jan. 8, 15

Jan. 22, 29 – no class

Feb. 5, 12, 19



Begins January 8th

## Women's Event at North Cross in Lakeville

**January 25, 2020**

10:00 am-Noon

**FREE EVENT FOR WOMEN**

No matter the season, age, past life experiences, or current circumstances, life can be hard. But God has given us the ability to be joyful in all of it. He's also given us each other. Join the women of NorthCross as

we come together to encourage each other in finding the JOY in every season. Former NorthCross member and newly published author, Nicole Venske Peterson, will be our speaker.

A continental breakfast will be provided and we'll be taking a collection to support the

efforts of Christian Life Ministries. To sign up for this free event go to <https://www.northcrossmn.org/events>

If you'd like to carpool, Janet Gehlhar has room in her van. Please call her at 715-792-5397 or email at [jgehlhar@bevcomm.net](mailto:jgehlhar@bevcomm.net).



January 25th

# NEWS

Read all about it



**St. John's**  
† Lutheran School



## Open House

Come see our *Little Blessings Preschool* and *Lutheran Elementary School* in action!

**Monday, January 20**  
**1:00pm—4:00pm**

Visit our classrooms  
Speak with our teachers and principal.  
Hear about our Christ-centered education.  
Receive information and steps for fall enrollment.

**Questions?** Call us! 651-388-2611

Tell your friends & neighbors about our school!

**Spartan Nash Dollars Received.** Our school received \$100 for the Direct Your Labels program. Thanks for bringing in your Family Fare receipts and UPC's; as you can see, they really add up quickly.

**Win-Win! Food Shared, Pajama Day Earned**  
Our school families shared 126 lbs of food and household supplies and \$30 with our local food shelf. **Wowzers!** Thanks everyone! Coming in with 161 items, the kids earned a pajama day, and everyone enjoyed wearing pajamas perfectly timed for the day after the children's Christmas service.



### **New! PTO Display**

Have you seen this in the main hallway? It's your one-stop shop for all PTO activities, events, and happenings. Also included is school volunteering and fundraising opportunities including Shoparoo, Box tops scan info, SCRIP and more!

### *We Count Our Christmas Blessings!*

- † Many thanks to all our caroling drivers. With your help we shared the good news of Jesus' birth with many people, some who may not be able to get out to hear God's word this Christmas. Our volunteer drivers are a blessing to our school!
- † Thanks to our cookie bakers for baking up some fun with our students for our Christmas dinner treats!
- † Thanks to all our parents, staff, and congregation members for donating time and food items to make our Christmas Dinner a special meal. Once again, our fearless coordinator, Mrs. Tammy Rollins organized a wonderful meal for us all to enjoy! We appreciate her time and energy.
- † Thank you to each of our candy bag volunteers who so busily finished this job in record time. This crew's joy was contagious! We also thank everyone who donated cash, treats, and more.
- † The school faculty and staff thank everyone for the wonderful gifts and words of joy this Christmas season! What a joy it is to celebrate Jesus' birth!

### **Basketball Games Begin Soon**

Our calendar is finalized and games are listed on the next page. Our first game is January 9 vs Zumbrota @ Mazeppa Middle School. Our first home game is January 17 @ Sunnyside. **Come cheer on our Tigers!**



Thanks volunteers, for filling all those candy bags.



*Here we come a-caroling....*



Hot chocolate Tally

Cookie bakers hard at work.



## Time of Grace—New Station—New Time

**Beginning Sunday,  
January 5, 2020,  
Time of Grace will be  
broadcast on  
KARE11 at 10:30 AM.**

Making this change means we can serve our views in MN, western WI, Northern IA, and Eastern SD through a

better time slot on a more heavily viewed TV station. However the change comes with significantly higher costs. We would appreciate your prayers for blessings upon this change so that through it others may find God, see his glory, and

discover a satisfaction in life they won't find anywhere else.

If you feel so moved, donations can be sent to:  
Time of Grace Ministry  
P.O. Box 301  
Milwaukee, WI 53201  
or donate online at  
[www.timeofgrace.org](http://www.timeofgrace.org).



## Lutheran Chapel of the Air

Lutheran Chapel of the Air is broadcast on  
**KCUE 1250 AM at 9 am on Sunday mornings.**

To donate to this ministry make checks payable to Lutheran Chapel of the Air and pass them on to Pastor Sternberg who serves as the treasurer.





January 5

## Young People's Society (Grade 7 through 1st year of college)

**Sunday, January 5th**

**11:30 am**

Take down Christmas decorations. Many hands will make the work light. It usually takes us about a half an hour to put everything away.



January 24

**Friday, January 24**

**6:00 pm—Meet at Church**

(eat beforehand)

Cost \$25

Our challenge starts at 7:15 in Rochester. You will need to sign the e-waiver, contact the office at

[churchsecretary@stjohnsredwing.org](mailto:churchsecretary@stjohnsredwing.org) to receive the link for the online waiver.

Our challenge: Bomb Maker's Apartment

Locked in the Bomb Maker's Apartment, can you find and disarm the bomb and find a way to escape before your entire team is blown up?



## Many Thanks!

Thank you to Joyce Burkel for the donation of the baby grand piano to the church. Joyce has been a contributor to the beautiful music in our church for many years. We thank her for this generous donation.



*thank  
you*

Thank you to Betsy Moenkedick who donated the adjustable duet bench for the grand piano.

The Red Wing Area Food Shelf would like to thank you for donations of food and money to assistance families in need in our area.

Thank you for donations to the Children's Christmas Goody Bags.

Thank you for donations to the Christmas Giving Tree to help families in the Goodhue County area.

## Voters' Meeting

The January Voters' Meeting will be on January 29th at 7:00 pm. Topics to discuss will be the Building Project/Capital Campaign, Distribution of Interest from the Endowment Fund and Council Elections.



January 29th

## Gifts & Memorials (November & December)

### GENERAL FUND

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| In memory of George & Evelyn Arndt by Family & Friends             | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Thrivent Choice Dollars (Bonnie Dicke, Wayne Dicke, Sonny Fandrey) | \$ 484.00   |

## Giving Made Easy

- Give anytime, anywhere
  - Schedule and manage recurring donations
  - Make one-time donations to special appeals
  - Pay for events program and other activities
- Gifts can be made by bank account or credit cards
- If you would like to give electronically... Visit our website at [www.stjohnsredwing.org](http://www.stjohnsredwing.org) and click on the GivePlus logo.
- Download the mobile app from Google Play or App Store.
- Contact the church office at 651.388.2149  
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## Pastors' Report November 2019

**SUNDAY CHURCH ATTENDANCE:** 1,039  
Average for the Month: 260 (-3 Oct '19, -9 Nov '18)

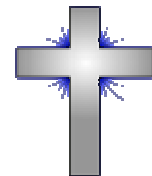
**WORSHIP AT THE CROSS:** 5

**SPECIAL SERVICE ATTENDANCE:** 113

**COMMUNION ATTENDANCE:** 340

**BIBLE CLASS ATTENDANCE:** 347

|                      |               |                  |
|----------------------|---------------|------------------|
| MEMBERSHIP: 10/31/19 | BAPTIZED: 460 | COMMUNICANT: 385 |
| MEMBERSHIP: 11/30/19 | BAPTIZED: 460 | COMMUNICANT: 385 |



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## SERVICE SCHEDULE

(September through May)

**WORSHIP:** 8 am & 10:30 am

**BIBLE CLASS & SUNDAY**

**SCHOOL:** 9:15 am

**MONDAY WORSHIP:** 7 pm

(Excluding Advent & Lent)

(June through August)

**WORSHIP:**

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

**BIBLE CLASS:**

9:15 a.m.

**MONDAY WORSHIP:**

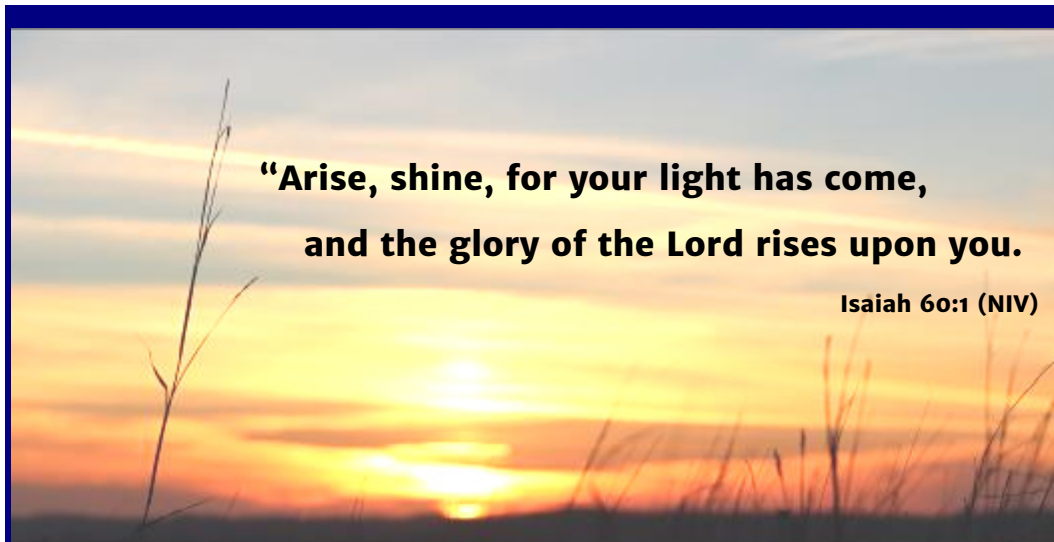
7:00 p.m.

**ALL EVENING SERVICES**  
are at 7:00 p.m.

**COMMUNION** is served on the  
**2<sup>nd</sup> & LAST**  
Sundays of the month.

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# January 2020



**"Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.**

**Isaiah 60:1 (NIV)**

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# JANUARY 2020

St. John's  
Church & School

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat       |
|--|--|--|---|--|---|-----------|
|   |  |  | <b>1</b><br>No School   | <b>2</b><br>LES & LB<br>Resumes<br>NO Band<br>lessons<br>3:15-4:30 pm<br>BBall Practice<br>at YMCA   | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  |
| <b>5</b><br><b>8:00 am</b><br><b>Worship</b><br>9:15 am<br>Bible Study<br>9:15 am<br>Sunday School<br><b>10:30 am</b><br><b>Worship</b><br>11:30 am<br>YPS Un-decorating   | <b>6</b><br>8:30 am-2 pm<br>Piano Lessons<br><b>7:00 pm</b><br><b>Worship</b>                        | <b>7</b><br>10 am-1:30 pm<br>Piano Lessons<br>3:15-4:30 pm<br>BBall Pract. @<br>YMCA   | <b>8</b><br>Annual Report<br>Articles Due<br><b>8:20 am</b><br><b>Chapel</b><br>10:00 am<br>Bible Class<br>3-4 pm<br>Cheer Practice<br>4:00pm<br>Catechism Class<br>6:30 pm<br>Women's Bible<br>Study | <b>9</b><br>12-1 pm Band<br>Lessons<br>6:00 pm<br>Basketball<br>Game vs.<br>Zumbrota at<br>Zumbrota-<br>Mazeppa<br>School (A or B<br>Team TBD) | <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b> |
| <b>12</b><br><b>8:00 am</b><br><b>Worship</b><br><b>(Communion)</b><br>9:15 am<br>Bible Class<br>9:15 am<br>Sunday School<br><b>10:30 am</b><br><b>Worship</b><br><b>(Communion)</b><br>11:30 am<br>Call Meeting | <b>13</b><br>8:30 am-2 pm<br>Piano Lessons<br><b>7:00 pm</b><br><b>Worship</b><br><b>(Communion)</b> | <b>14</b><br>10 am-1:30 pm<br>Piano Lessons<br>9:30 am<br>Pastors' Circuit<br>Meeting in<br>Trinity (Lincoln<br>No Basketball<br>Game<br>3:15-4:30 pm<br>Bball practice<br>at YMCA<br>4:30 pm<br>Jesus Cares<br>7:00 pm<br>LES Committee | <b>15</b><br><b>8:20 am</b><br><b>Chapel</b><br>10:00 am<br>Bible Class<br>3-4 pm<br>Cheer Practice<br>4:00 pm<br>Catechism Class<br>6:30 pm<br>Women's Bible<br>Study                                | <b>16</b><br>12-1 pm<br>Band Lessons<br>3:15-4:30 pm<br>Bball practice<br>at YMCA  | <b>17</b><br>End of 2nd<br>Quarter<br>11:30 am<br>Ladies<br>Luncheon at<br>Mandy's<br>6:00 pm Bball<br>Games vs.<br>Lake City at<br>Sunnyside<br>6 pm-B-Team<br>7 pm-A-Team | <b>18</b> |

# JANUARY 2020

St. John's  
Church & School

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri   | Sat  |
|--|--|---|--|---|---|--|
| <b>19</b><br><b>8:00 am</b><br><b>Worship</b><br>9:15 am<br>OPEN FORUM<br>9:15 am<br>Sunday School<br><b>10:30 am</b><br><b>Worship</b><br>LES Gr. K-8 Sing                          | <b>20</b><br>8:30 am-2 pm<br>Piano Lessons<br>8:10 am<br>School In<br>Session-<br>Parent<br>Transport Day<br>(No AM/PM<br>Bus)<br>1-4 pm<br>School Open<br>House<br><b>7:00 pm</b><br><b>Worship</b> | <b>21</b><br>10 am-1:30 pm<br>Piano Lessons<br>1:30 pm<br>Wise Penny<br>Board Meeting<br>3:15-4:30 pm<br>Bball practice at<br>YMCA<br>4:00 pm<br>Radio Recording                                | <b>22</b><br><b>8:20 am</b><br><b>Chapel</b><br>10:00 am<br>Bible Class<br>4:00 pm<br>Catechism Class<br>6:00 pm<br>Elders' Meeting<br>7:00 pm<br>Church Council<br>7:00 pm Bball Games<br>vs Goodhue, Location<br>TBD<br>7 pm-B-Team, 8 pm-A-Team | <b>23</b><br>12-1 pm<br>Band<br>Lessons<br>3:15-4:30<br>pm<br>Bball<br>practice at<br>YMCA  | <b>24</b><br>6:00 pm<br>YPS Escape<br>Challenge   | <b>25</b>  |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">             WELS Leadership Conference<br/>             In Chicago—Jan. 21-23           </div>           |  |   |  |   |   |  |
| <b>26</b><br><b>8:00 am</b><br><b>Worship (Communion)</b><br>9:15 am<br>Bible Class<br>9:15 am<br>Sunday School<br><b>10:30 am</b><br><b>Worship (Communion)</b>                     | <b>27</b><br>8:30 am-2 pm<br>Piano Lessons<br><b>7:00 pm</b><br><b>Worship</b><br><b>(Communion)</b>   | <b>28</b><br>10 am-1:30 pm<br>Piano Lessons<br>Articles Due for<br>February<br>Reporter<br>3:15-4:30 pm<br>Bball practice at<br>YMCA<br><b>4:30 pm</b><br><b>Worship at the</b><br><b>Cross</b> | <b>29</b><br><b>8:20 am</b><br><b>Chapel</b><br>10:00 am<br>Bible Class<br>3-4 pm<br>Cheer Practice<br>4:00 pm<br>Catechism Class<br>7:00 pm<br>Voters' Meeting  | <b>30</b><br>3:15-4:30<br>pm<br>Bball<br>practice at<br>YMCA  | <b>31</b><br>7:00 pm<br>Bball<br>Photos and<br>Games at<br>Sunnyside<br>vs Goodhue<br>6 pm-Photos,<br>7 pm-B-Team,<br>8 pm-A-Team | <b>1 February</b><br>9:00 am<br>Mailing<br>Committee |
| <b>2</b><br><b>8:00 am</b><br><b>Worship</b><br>9:15 am<br>Bible Class<br>9:15 am<br>Sunday School<br><b>10:30 am</b><br><b>Worship</b><br>11:30 am<br>PTO hosts Family Fun<br>Event | <b>3</b><br>8:30am-2 pm<br>Piano Lessons<br><b>7:00 pm</b><br><b>Worship</b>   | <b>4</b><br>10 am-1:30 pm<br>Piano Lessons<br>3:15-4:30 pm<br>Bball practice at<br>YMCA<br>4:00 pm<br>Special<br>Communion<br>7:00 pm<br>LES Committee  | <b>5</b><br><b>8:20 am</b><br><b>Chapel</b><br>10:00 am<br>Bible Class<br>3-4 pm<br>Cheer Practice<br>4:00 pm<br>Catechism Class<br>6:30 pm<br>Women's Bible Study   | <b>6</b><br>12-1 pm<br>Band<br>Lessons<br>6:00 pm<br>Bball<br>Games at<br>St. John's,<br>Lake City<br>6 pm-B-Team,<br>7 pm-A-Team | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br>Goodhue<br>Basketball<br>Tournament      |